

**2013 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on April 30, 2013 to identify current and new sources of transportation revenue and develop recommendations to meet the needs of the state's transportation infrastructure.

During the 2013 interim, the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee proposes to review and discuss the following topics, as time permits:

(1) existing sources and methods of funding for transportation infrastructure and ways to increase revenue from those existing sources and methods, including the gasoline tax, the special fuels tax, the motor vehicle excise tax and the weight distance tax;

(2) trends that are causing a decline in the amount of funding from existing revenue sources, including the uncertainty of the availability and amount of federal funds;

(3) short-term and long-term needs for maintaining and improving the state's transportation infrastructure, the levels of funding necessary to meet those needs and the challenges in obtaining the necessary levels of funding;

(4) areas of greatest cost in the state's transportation infrastructure and opportunities for eliminating unnecessary costs;

(5) safety and liability issues due to aging and outdated equipment, bridges and roadways and options to better monitor and control speeding in construction zones;

(6) technological advances in transportation-related technology, including

"weigh-in-motion" sensor systems that calculate the weight per axle of a truck as it drives over a sensor pad;

(7) the economic impact that the transportation infrastructure industry has on the state, including potential job creation;

(8) ideas and perspectives from local governments;

(9) the feasibility of a more comprehensive rail and bus transit system to reduce congestion and use of surface streets in larger cities;

(10) the benefits, issues and opportunities for improvement in commuter travel on the New Mexico RailRunner;

(11) alternative methods and sources of funding studied or implemented in other states to identify which methods and sources may be best utilized in New Mexico, including:

(a) fees or taxes on alternative fuel or electric vehicles;

(b) imposition of "vehicle miles traveled", or VMT fees, where motorists are charged a fee for every mile driven within the state rather than for the amount of gasoline they consume;

(c) authorization of tolling or high-occupancy toll lanes;

(d) design-build contracts, which are arrangements whereby a single bid is accepted for both the design and construction of a project;

(e) public/private partnerships; and

(f) tax incentives to encourage employees to work from home and reduce wear on roadways; and

(12) other potential sources of funding and new strategies for financing transportation infrastructure in the state.

*Updated to reflect change in membership.

**Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee
2013 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 22	Santa Fe, State Capitol, Room 307
August 28	Santa Fe, State Capitol, Room 307
September 10	Santa Fe, State Capitol, Room 307
October 8	Santa Fe, State Capitol, Room 322
November 12	Santa Fe, State Capitol, Room 322